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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8291

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, CT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS PRESIDENT FOR AFRICA

REF: STATE 030909

1. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS EXECUTIVES FURRER AND SHABAT FINALLY ARRIVED BANGUI FEBRUARY 18 AND DEPARTED FEBRUARY 21. THEY VISITED SOUTH AFRICAN HOTEL PROJECT AND MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH MINISTER OF TOURISM LEBOUDER. THEY ALSO HAD SEVERAL SESSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR. THEY DID NOT REACH ANY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN HOTEL, ALTHOUGH WE SENSED DEGREE OF SCEPTICISM ABOUT WISDOM OF PROCEEDING WITH PROJECT. FURRER CONFIRMED THAT HIS VISIT WAS DIRECT RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM CEREALS AND GENERAL EXPORT LTD# OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHO ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH INTERCONTINENTAL IN ZAIRE. THERE IS APPARENTLY NO QUESTION OF INTERCONTINENTAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN HOTEL, AND WHAT IS UNDER DISCUSSION IS SOME FORM OF MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. ACCORDING TO IMPERIAL ADVISOR BARKAN, SAG HAS AGREED TO PUT ADDITIONAL DOLS 4 MILLION INTO THE HOTEL, WHICH WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION. BARKAN ALSO REPORTS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT UTA WILL SOON BEGIN FLIGHTS PARIS-  
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BANGUI-JOHANNESBURG, WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL ENHANCE ATTRACTIVENESS OF PROJECT FOR INTERCONTINENTAL.

2. FURRER SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR QUANTON CONTACT INTERCONTINENTAL CHAIRMAN SHEELINE IN NEW YORK DURING FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS. AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE AF/C'S INFORMING SHEELINE OF HIS

SCHEDULE ON 212-973-7690.

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